

**What is claimed is:**

1. A method for use in a computer system that effects secure access to a store comprising:  
providing said store with an exclusive user id;  
initiating a process responsive to a store access request;  
changing a context of the process to the user id of said store;  
communicating between said process and said store via private communications channels; and  
obtaining data responsive to said store access request.
2. A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:  
sending the data responsive to said store access request to a downstream process.
3. A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:  
logging said store access request.
4. A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein sending the data responsive to said store access request to a downstream process further comprises never sending the data to the requestor.
5. A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said computer system employs the UNIX operating system and wherein said context changing comprises invoking the UNIX set user id facility.
6. A computer system comprising:  
a data store having an exclusive user id in the computer system;  
a system for providing secure access to said data store, said system being configured to be responsive to a request for access to said data store by changing its user id to the exclusive user id; and  
private communications channels between said system and said data store for communicating and responding to requests for data.
7. A computer system according to claim 6 wherein the system for providing secure access is further configured to provide data from said data store to a downstream process.
8. A computer system according to claim 6 wherein the system for providing secure access is further configured to log requests for access to said data store.